

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Bromont Cemetery
Survey No.: CH-302 (PACS 272)

Property Address Newburg, Charles County

Owner Name/Address Potomac Electric Power Company, Washington, D.C.

Year Built circa 1820

Description:

The Bromont Cemetery was previously surveyed by the Charles County Planning Department; the date of the survey is unknown. The cemetery was not located during the September 1996 survey.

National Register Evaluation:

Bromont Cemetery was not located during the September 1996 survey and is presumed to no longer have extant grave markers. The site of Bromont Cemetery is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The cemetery does not meet Criteria Consideration D, as historic research indicates that the site does not contain graves of persons of transcendent importance, nor does it contain extant grave markers of distinctive design. In addition, the site has no association with historic events or broad patterns of history and has no potential to yield important information.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☐ recommended ☐ not recommended

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map): _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Preparer:

P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

CHAS-302
BROMONT CEMETERY
Newburg
Private

early 19th century

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Bromont, the large and handsome brick home of the Clerklee and Contee family, stood nearby. Its ruins, when still standing early in this century, were often mistakenly identified as those of Blenheim, the former elegant brick mansion of the Lees. The cemetery occupies a location close to the side of one of the oldest known roads in Charles County, vestiges of which still remain although it was abandoned many years ago. This road connected the northern section of the county with the Laidler-Hooe Ferry at the Potomac and was a part of a major colonial arterial route traveled by many of the country's most famous-and infamous-historical figures.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI #0903024308

1 NAME

HISTORIC

BROMONT CEMETERY

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

two-tenths of a mile due south of Newburg Post Office

CITY, TOWN

Newburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☒ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER ABD.**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Potomac Electric Power Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Pennsylvania Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☒ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located near a high voltage electrical transmission line in the middle of a large field used for grazing cattle, the Bromont Cemetery has suffered extensive damage by neglect and outright vandalism. Overgrown by brambles to the extent that only one large monument is easily discernable, it is nevertheless an important and interesting site deserving of preservation.

It is probable that there are at least seven marked graves here, but in at least two instances the stones have been broken and scattered. A third grave, now also markerless, is enclosed in a small brick crypt that has partially collapsed. There may be other graves that are as yet undetected.

The legible portions of the inscriptions on the four stones still in place are as follows:

1. JACOBUS CLERKLEE, LONDINI NATIVUS; OBIT IV DIE MARTII, A.D. MDCCCXX; ETATIS SUAE, LXI.
2. Sacred to the Memory of Edmund Contee, Whose Mortal Remains Lie Buried Under This Marker. He Was Cut Off in the Spring of Life Before His Excellent Character.....He was Born on the 27th Day of August in the Year 1799 and Died on the 18th Day of July in the Year 1832.
3. AD MEMORIAM AN ANNA E RUSSEL, CONJUGIS DELECTA HOC TES TIMONIUM AMORIS CONSECRAVIT MAPITUS PHILLIPPUS A. L. CONTEE; OBIT 24th DIE MAII, ANNO DOMINI.....; ETATIS SUAE, XXIII.
4. MARGARET RUSSELL, CONJUX.....JACOB CLERKLEE, OBIT XXIII DIE NOVEMBRIS, ANNO DOMINI MDCCCXIX; ETATIS SUAE, XLV.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Cemetery	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1820-1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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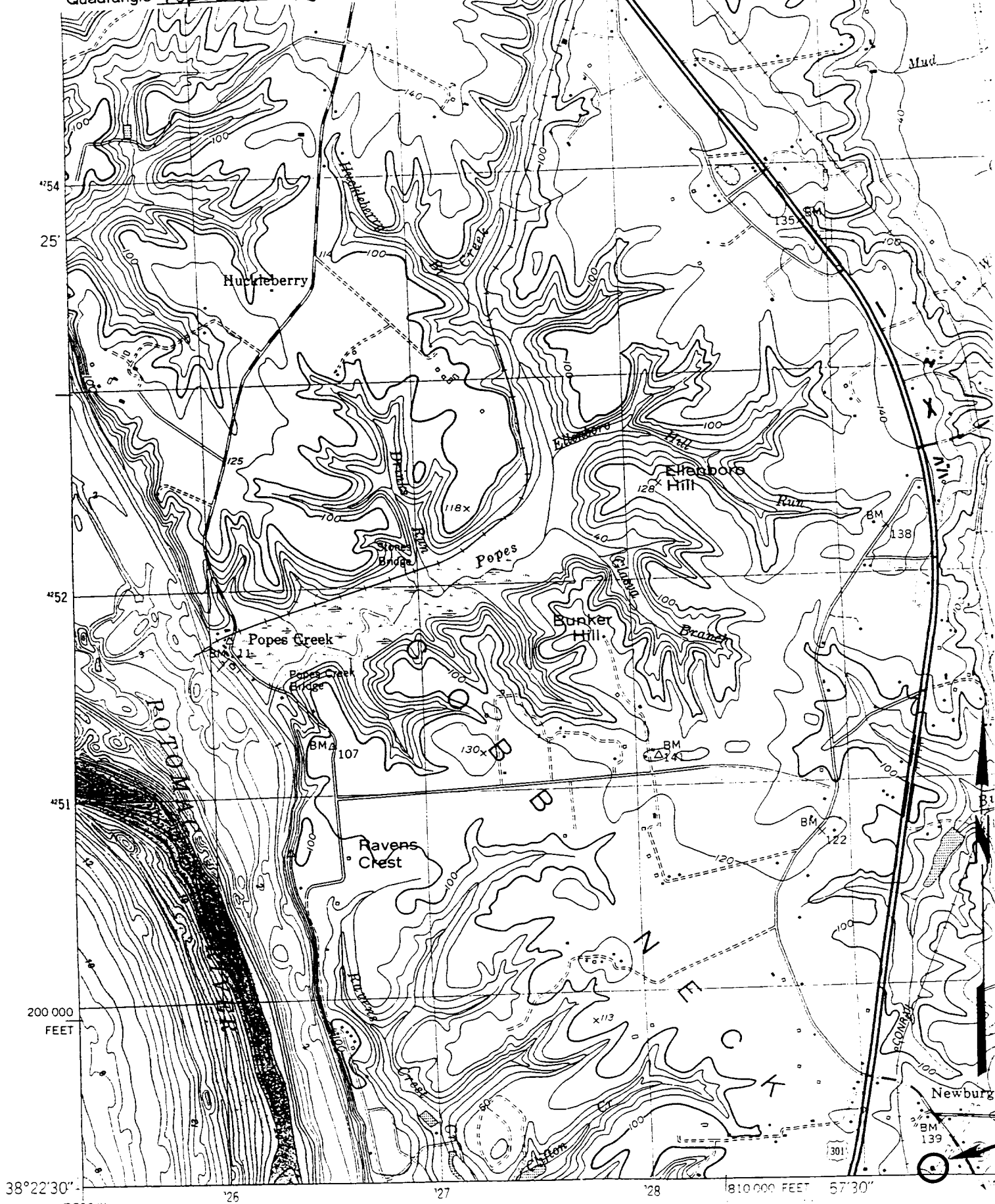
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Transportation Study

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Town/County Newburg/Charles Co.

Quadrangle Popes Creek





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BROMONT CEMETERY. Contee
Monument JRRivoire, 1978



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BROMONT CEMETERY. Crypt.

JRRivoire. 1978